



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Board Members

Paul Diffley III, Board President
Linda Lunn, Trustee
Nicolas Pardue, Trustee
Julie Vandegrift, Trustee
Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

Staff Members

Dr. Ward Andrus, Superintendent
Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent
Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

Employee Organization Representatives

Lisa Murray, President, Murrieta Educators Association
Winston Carter, Second Vice President, California School Employees Association

Legal Counsel

Jonathan A. Pearl, Managing Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Office, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.

2. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with Trustees Paul Diffley, Linda Lunn, Nicolas Pardue, Julie Vandegrift and Nancy Young in attendance.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

None

C. CLOSED SESSION

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 4:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

C. CLOSED SESSION (continued)

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, the Board discussed three matters that may result in litigation.

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - District Superintendent

Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the Governing Board met to discuss the evaluation of the District Superintendent.

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Diffley reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:00 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed for public viewing.

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley reported the following action was taken in closed session:

Upon a motion of Trustee Julie Vandegrift, seconded by Trustee Nicolas Pardue, and a vote of 5 to 0, the Board took action in closed session to ratify a settlement agreement regarding a wage claim brought by a former certificated employee. The Agreement resolves the wage claim and each party agrees to release/waive any and all other potential claims related to her employment. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the ratified agreement to the former employee.

Not included in the read-out language: Settlement agreement for former certificated employee number 244674.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Diffley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Board President's Welcome Message

President Diffley commended the participants of the current Olympic Games in Paris for their display of patriotism. He shared his excitement for the upcoming school year and praised the dedicated teachers for their hard work over the summer to prepare for the new school year.

2. Public Comment

Comments regarding agenda item G.8 Information and Adoption of Resolution No. 24/25-02 Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order and Requesting Consolidation with other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024, were received from the following individuals: Ellen Larson, Kris Thomasian, Jeremy Murphy, Jane DeLaurier, Jack Guerro, Emily Brooks, Teresa Wells, John Leonard and Laurie Nielsen.

Steve Briggs commented on board policies and board bylaws related to facilities.

E. COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

2. Public Comment (continued)

Comments regarding agenda item G.9 Approval of Attorney Engagement Agreement for Litigation Services between the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Board of Education and Liberty Justice Center were received from the following individuals: Birdie Ackerman, Kris Thomasian, Jeremy Murphy, Riley Niemi, Eleanor Briggs, Teresa Wells, Brandy Meeker, Adriana Toon, Francis Burns, Emily Brooks, and Elijah Dabisky.

Kelly Parsons spoke about the positive environment on the Vista Murrieta High School campus as the staff and students prepare for the new school year.

Stephanie H. spoke about her family's positive experience being a part of Murrieta Valley USD.

Sue Stine thanked the Board members for serving and acknowledged the difficult decisions they are often faced with.

3. Employee Organization Reports

Lisa Murray, President, Murrieta Educators Association, extended a welcome to both returning and new MEA members. She spoke about the role of MEA in advocating for the rights and needs of educators and students and supporting newly hired educators. Ms. Murray stressed the importance of providing teachers with resources, support and respect, and ensuring students have a safe and supportive learning environment.

Winston Carter, Second Vice President, California School Employees Association Chapter 223, spoke on behalf of the President, Freddie Musquiz. Mr. Carter reported on the summer meetings CSEA held to negotiate better pay ranges and refine job descriptions for classified staff. He shared his experience as a first-time attendee at the CSEA conference. Mr. Carter invited all Board members to attend CSEA's biannual meeting on August 13th.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve the Consent Calendar items F.1 through F.8 as presented.

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

1. Ratification of Report of Purchases and Warrants Issued

Report of Purchases from May 28, 2024, through July 23, 2024, and warrants issued on the claim numbers X217245 through X218680 in the amount of \$23,289,371.92. The Nutrition Services Warrants issued on check numbers 1000 through 1129 and 15154 in the amount of \$6,617,293.61 and the Nutrition Services Purchase Order NS2324046-NS2425038 in the amount of \$8,373,475.12.

2. Acceptance of Donations

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Buchanan	Gerardy Photography	\$550.00
Cole Canyon	Cole Canyon PTC	\$9,000.00
E. Hale Curran	Which Wich Sandwiches	\$100.00

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

2. Acceptance of Donations (continued)

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Lisa J. Mails	Gerardy Photography	\$578.00
Murrieta Elementary	Donna Knotts	\$25.00
Tovashal	Kroger	\$33.33
Murrieta Canyon Academy	Bring Change 2 Mind	\$150.00
Murrieta Mesa	MMHS PTSA	\$6,000.00

3. Approval to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Materials

Quantity	Item
1	2007 Chevrolet Express, #148
41	Outdoor Tables
17	Outdoor Benches
140	Student Desks
77	Student Chairs

4. Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

Antelope Hills Elementary School

5th Grade Science Camp Mountain Center, CA Nov. 20-22, 2024

Murrieta Elementary School

5th Grade Science Camp Mountain Center, CA Oct. 23-25, 2024

Murrieta Valley High School

Choir Retreat Big Bear, CA Aug. 29-31, 2024
 JROTC New Cadet Orientation Murrieta, CA Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2024
 JROTC Leadership Camp Murrieta, CA Oct. 18-20, 2024

MVHS/MMHS/VMHS

Girls Golf State Championship San Gabriel, CA Nov. 19-20, 2024
 Cross Country State Championship Fresno, CA Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2024
 Girls Tennis State Championship Fresno, CA Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2024
 Football State Championship TBD, CA Dec. 12-14, 2024

Rail Ranch Elementary School

5th Grade Science Camp Running Springs, CA Feb. 26-28, 2025

Vista Murrieta High School

Girls Volleyball Tournament Las Vegas, NV Sept. 19-22, 2024
 Cross Country Tournament Stillwater, OK Sept. 25-28, 2024
 Girls Volleyball Tournament Phoenix, AZ Oct. 3-6, 2024

5. Approval of Out of State Travel

- Adobe Max Convention in Miami, FL October 12-16, 2024
- Attendee: Jason Bowen, Teacher, Vista Murrieta High School

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

6. Approval of Out of State Travel (continued)

2024 CAJPA (California Association of Joint Powers of Authority) Fall Conference in Stateline, NV September 10-13, 2024, for professional development including Employment Practices, Liability, and Risk sessions for Risk Management and Human Resources personnel.

- Attendees: Roy Monge, Director of Risk Management, Andrea Miltenberger, Coordinator HR, and Vanessa Petersen, Supervisor HR

7. Approval of Variable Term Waiver Requests per Education Code 44253.11, waiving English Learner Authorizations

Mitchell Snyder, Andrea Stevens, and Danielle Tuton Gillette

8. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2024, regular meeting and May 23, 2024, special meeting as presented.

9. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Dannis Woliver Kelley for Legal Services through June 30, 2026

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Presentation: Summer Reporting

Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services updated the Board on the Summer Spectacular program at E. Hale Curran, Alta Murrieta and Avaxat Elementary schools, which offered classes in coding, robotics, Spanish, creative writing, and dance to 965 students in grades K - 6; SEED summer camps served over 200 students; full-day preschool was provided for 60 children aged 18 months to 4 years; and 478 high school students took part in summer courses to advance their academic progress. District personnel organized the "Summer Melt" job fair to connect over 100 members of the 2024 graduating class with local businesses. In addition to student-centered summer learning, Educational Services also facilitated training for site administration and staff for professional development.

Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported that there were 156 classified personnel resignations and/or retirements, resulting in 432 personnel changes and 96 certificated personnel resignations and/or retirements, resulting in 65 new certificated employees and 45 transfers and promotions.

Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent, presented an overview of business and operations summer projects and highlighted the completion of 13 new classrooms at Murrieta Elementary, 3 new TK classrooms at Lisa J. Mails, new shade structures at most elementary schools, new playground equipment at Alta Murrieta and Antelope Hills elementary along with theater lighting upgrades at all high schools.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 24/25-01 Authorizing Compensation for Board Member, Nancy Young for her absence at the July 31, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Abstain

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. Approval of New Job Descriptions

Maintenance - Pool Technician
Nutrition Services Site Support Lead

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

4. Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

Behavioral Support Lead Aide (includes title change from Lead Related-Services Aide)
Fiscal Services Supervisor

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

5. Approval to Replace Senior Groundskeeper, Irrigation Technician, & Senior IPM Worker Job Descriptions with Crew Leader - Grounds/Irrigation/IPM Job Description

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

6. Approval of Revision to the Certificated Management Employee Salary Schedule Effective July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

7. Approval of Personnel Report

Motion to approve the attached personnel report dated August 8, 2024. This report lists promotion and/or transfer, newly hired and substitute certificated personnel; promotion, transfer, newly hired, reclassified and substitute classified personnel; certificated and classified resignations and releases; and athletic coaches.

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

8. Information and Adoption of Resolution No. 24/25-02 Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order and Requesting Consolidation with other Elections Occurring on November 5, 2024

The original motion was defeated on June 13, 2024, when the vote to adopt the resolution was not passed by a two-thirds vote of the Board. Since that date, the following information related to a bond effort was presented for consideration:

- On June 13, 2024, the Board approved the purchase of land to build a future school. Currently, the project has no long-term local funding source.
- On July 31, 2024, the Board received information from Woolpert consultants regarding attendance boundary realignment and the impact of current and future housing developments on district facility capacity.

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - No

Julie Vandegrift - No

Nancy Young - Yes

This item required a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board (4 yes votes). The motion failed.

9. Approval of Attorney Engagement Agreement for Litigation Services between the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Board of Education and Liberty Justice Center

The Liberty Justice Center attorney engagement agreement states they would provide legal representation in litigation challenging California Assembly Bill 1955 filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - No

Linda Lunn - No

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - No

This motion failed.

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

10. Reporting of State Dashboard Local Performance Indicators Addition

The 2022/23 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcomes data was unavailable on June 13, 2024, when the local indicator data was presented to the Board. Therefore, the Board received additional local performance indicator data, showing an 87.6% Clear Full-Time Equivalency Rate for the 2022/23 school year.

11. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Board received this report indicating that no complaints were filed for the fourth quarter of the 2023/24 school year.

12. Approval of Deductive Change Order Totaling (-\$3,000.00) for the TK/Kinder Playground Equipment Replacement Project

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

13. Approval of Additive and Deductive Change Orders for Contracts C0000866, 879, 880, and 881 for the Murrieta Elementary New Classroom Building Project

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

14. Approval of the Appointment of Members to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Measure BB General Obligation Bond – Steve Briggs and Robert Gonzalez

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Ward Andrus shared his appreciation for the public comments, which he said provided the opportunity to hear from each other. He expressed his pleasure with the way campuses looked and how well-prepared the staff are to welcome students back to school. Dr. Andrus said he is extremely proud of this team for their excellent preparation for the new school year. He reported that during the upcoming special board meeting the district will begin the process of exploring new attendance boundaries in the very near future and said the district is looking forward to the process of balancing attendance.

I. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Nicolas Pardue commended the volunteer coaches who support our students over the summer and throughout the school year. He shared his excitement for the upcoming school year, highlighting the importance of improving test scores and acknowledged the great partnership between home and school.

Trustee Nancy Young also shared her excitement for the upcoming school year and said she is looking forward to visiting school sites and attending events. She commented on her attendance at the district leadership meeting, her volunteer efforts at the Santa Rosa Plateau.

Trustee Julie Vandegrift said she spent a significant amount of time reviewing the agenda items, including the school bond study. She praised Darren Daniel and the employees for the excellent condition of the school sites. Mrs. Vandegrift expressed serious concerns about staff withholding information from parents.

Trustee Linda Lunn reported attending the district leadership meeting and praised those leaders for their contributions to making the Murrieta Valley Unified School District so successful. Mrs. Lunn thanked the first responders who worked tirelessly protecting homes and district facilities from the wildfires last weekend.

Trustee Paul Diffley thanked the members of the public for their participation this evening and encouraged everyone to share the things that are happening in our schools with their neighbors.

J. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)

None

K. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (Optional)

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

L. ADJOURNMENT

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Approved by the Governing Board October 10, 2024



Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

A. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Bean	Matthew	9-12 Principal, Alternative Education	Murrieta Canyon Academy	Principal, Alternative Education	Murrieta Canyon Academy	7/1/2024	RS

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Bastin	Andrew	Teacher	Avaxat Elementary	7/15/2024	R
Guzman- Arellano	Andrea	Teacher	Family Services	8/12/2024	R
Muelot	Jennifer	Teacher	Monte Vista Elementary	7/1/2024	R

B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Quinn	Tracy	Account Clerk	Business Services	Account Technician	Transportation	8/5/2024	G
Serrano	Tanya	Instructional Assistant II	Avaxat Elementary	Special Education Assistant II	Murrieta Valley High	8/13/2024	R
Smith	Samantha	Special Education Assistant II, RSP	Murrieta Valley High	DIS Aide	Shivela Middle	8/13/2024	R

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Jones	Amanda	DIS Aide	Warm Springs Middle	8/13/2024	R
Snow	Amaya	DIS Aide	Buchanan Elementary	8/13/2024	G

RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Position To	Range From	Range To	Effective Date	Type
Cammall	James	Electrician	Electrician	41	44	7/1/2024	RS
Bishop	Scott	HVAC/R Technician	HVAC/R Technician	41	44	7/1/2024	RS
Duncan	John	HVAC/R Technician	HVAC/R Technician	41	44	7/1/2024	RS
Edgar	Marta	HVAC/R Technician	HVAC/R Technician	41	44	7/1/2024	RS

Reclassifications Continued:

Schmidt	Michael	HVAC/R Technician	HVAC/R Technician	41	44	7/1/2024	RS
Eudave	Eric	Senior Groundskeeper	Crew Leader – Grounds/Irrigation/IPM	38	41	7/1/2024	RS
Hernandez	Abraham	Senior Groundskeeper	Crew Leader – Grounds/Irrigation/IPM	38	41	7/1/2024	RS
Paciotti II	Dale	Senior IPM Worker	Crew Leader – Grounds/Irrigation/IPM	38	41	7/1/2024	RS

C. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED:

Name			
May, Paige			

CLASSIFIED:

Name			
Ayala, Lindsey	Solis, Ceasar		

D. RESIGNATIONS/ RELEASES (Certificated and Classified)

Employee No. and Effective Date			
197933 – 6/30/2024	225524 – 6/30/2024	273326 – 6/30/2024	276732 -- 6/30/2024
282855 – 6/30/2024	284913 – 4/20/2024	295896 – 6/30/2024	318245 –5/31/2024
339840 – 6/30/2024			

E. ATHLETIC COACHES

Name	Sport	Site
Bertulfo, Michael	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Coutee, Johnathan	Boys' Soccer & Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Cress, Ryan	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Damien, January	Baseball	Murrieta Mesa High
Faatulu, Jolynn	Volleyball	Murrieta Mesa High
Gomez, Teresa	Girls' Wrestling	Murrieta Mesa High
McBride, Oscar	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Mendoza, Alexi	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Naboa, Bryson	Volleyball	Murrieta Mesa High
Nagamatsu, Michael	Baseball	Murrieta Mesa High
Olaso, Kurstan	Volleyball	Murrieta Mesa High

R - Replacement
G - Growth
RS - Restructure
T - Transfer

MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL REPORT
8/8/24

Athletic Coaches Continued:

Ridley, Ryan	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Rivera, Nathaniel	Boys' Soccer	Murrieta Mesa High
Sio, Kennedy	Football	Murrieta Mesa High